



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## IF PAUL HARRIS STARTED ROTARY TODAY

By Evan Burrell

I wonder, as we approach yet another Rotary anniversary, what Paul Harris would think of the Rotary of today? Would he smile, or grimace? He probably didn't imagine how far his little idea would go when he sat down for that first meeting on 23 February a full 111 years ago.

As a fun exercise, I tried to imagine what it might be like if Paul Harris started Rotary today. To do this, I first imagined what a Gen Y Paul might be like.

I decided he'd be a social entrepreneur and blogger. His personal style is a touch metro, add some emo, and just a squeeze of hipster. He lives a healthy lifestyle, eats organic and gluten free. He is warm and welcoming, with a hearty laugh, and certainly doesn't need a copy of "How to Win Friends & Influence People." He has 500 plus connections on LinkedIn.

**What Does His Rotary Club Look Like?** The club is very inclusive with its membership. They work hard to attract individuals of all genders, races, beliefs, and backgrounds. They are very particular about not incorporating any practices that would be offensive to any particular group. They don't take political stands, but they are eager, collectively, to dive into action to better their community.

The club uses Facebook, LinkedIn, and social media a lot to connect, not only socially but for service projects. They use Kickstarter and GoFundMe to finance projects, and have developed some Rotary-specific

tools (like our Rotary Ideas) to also achieve this goal.

**Club Meetings.** The club meets in person and online on a semi rotational basis, usually once or twice a month depending on the needs to be addressed. The club is more about how members can contribute their talents and take part in projects getting their "hands dirty," than how many times they show up for a meeting.

Members communicate almost daily through Facebook or Snapchat. Word about what they are doing seeps out through their social media network of friends, co-workers, and colleagues, spreading the excitement and attracting interest.

Their physical meeting locations vary, sometimes at a tavern, sometimes a coffee house. They are kept affordable so members can focus their resources and time on service. Meetings tend to be relaxed, and some people connect remotely via web technologies.

**Social Hour.** The club hosts regular social events to build stronger relationships between members. Members frequently invite friends with little pressure on the individual to join. Even service projects involve a good number of people who are not members, but share a common interest.

Although I've just been imagining, there are certainly clubs that do some of these things. Do you like my vision of what Paul Harris' club would look like today? What is yours?

### ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

Chartered 20 August 1951  
Rotary District 9370

RI President: K.R. Ravindran

District Governor: Tom McGhee

Assistant Governor: Gill Quinn

Club Pres: André Oberholzer

#### Club Board:

Luzan Hoffman  
Barry Downs  
Sharon Erasmus  
Colleen Fairweather  
Ken Quinn  
Peter Thomas  
Amanda van Zyl  
Pete van Zyl

Bulletin Editor: Peter Thomas

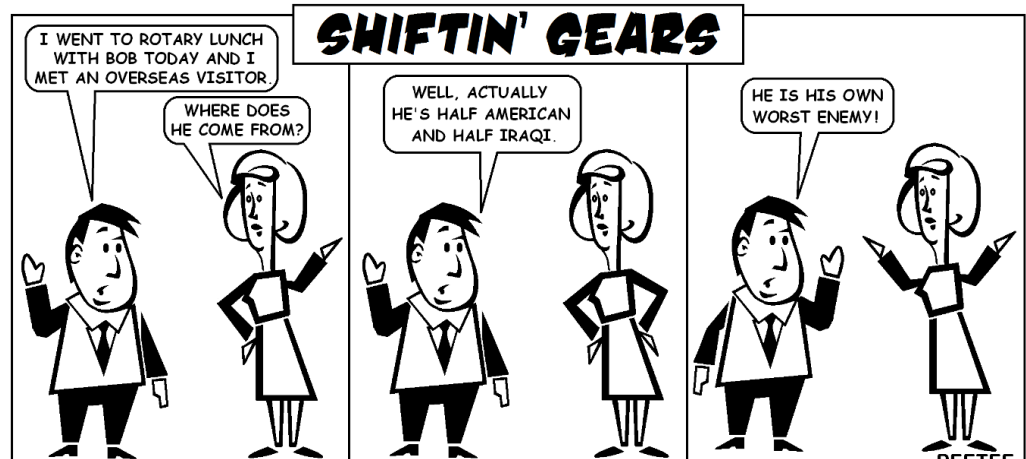
#### Club Meetings:

Kimberley Club  
Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

INFO: 084 303 5691



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# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## MARCH – LITERACY MONTH

7 March: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
10-13 March: RYLA Camp, Parys  
11-13 March: POETS 2016, Colesburg  
14 March: Club Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
21 March: Human Rights Day - No Meeting  
28 March: Family Day - No Meeting

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

28 May – 1 Jun: 2016 RI Convention, Seoul  
10-11 Jun: District Conference, Potchefstroom  
15 June: Exchange Student Ahna Departs

## DUTIES

### WEEK OF 7 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Colleen F. & Allison F.  
CORPORAL: Allison Fletcher  
MEETING REPORT: JJ Hoffman  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Philip Maritz  
AHNA FOR DINNER: Jannie Jacobs

### WEEK OF 14 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: JJ & Luzaan Hoffman  
CORPORAL: JJ Hoffman  
MEETING REPORT: Luzaan Hoffman  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: André Oberholzer  
AHNA FOR DINNER: Philip Maritz

### WEEK OF 21 MARCH

NO MEETING  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas  
AHNA FOR DINNER: André Oberholzer

### WEEK OF 28 MARCH

NO MEETING  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder  
AHNA FOR DINNER: Corlia van Tonder

### WEEK OF 4 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: Jannie J. & Philip M.  
CORPORAL: Luzaan Hoffman  
MEETING REPORT: Jannie Jacobs  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Pete van Zyl  
AHNA FOR DINNER: Brenda Booth

### WEEK OF 11 APRIL

FELLOWSHIP: André O. & Gill Q.  
CORPORAL: Jannie Jacobs  
MEETING REPORT: Philip Maritz  
TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth  
AHNA FOR DINNER: Barry Downs

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Mar 29: Andries Erasmus  
Apr 09: Philip Maritz  
Apr 16: Gill Downs

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 26: Pete & Amanda van Zyl

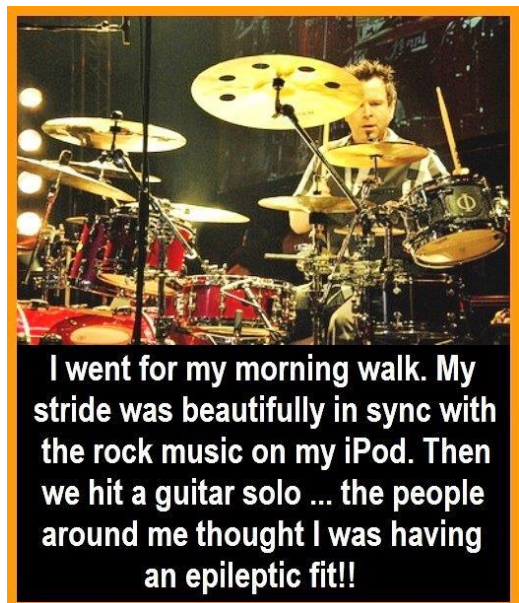
### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 05: Amanda van Zyl 2008  
Mar 18: Jannie Jacobs 2013  
Apr 05: Lawrie Shuttleworth 1952  
Apr 29: Ken Quinn 1993

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

Mar 28: George Lodder  
Mar 31: Charles Burton.  
Apr 29: Don Lee

**MEME OF THE WEEK**



If you are unable to fulfil a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

Please mail the meeting report by no later than Wednesdays 19h00 to

**petertee@vodamail.co.za**

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